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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1986 -- The number of new freight cars placed in service in 1985 totaled 12,080, compared with 12,396 in 1984, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cars placed in service in December totaled 714, compared with 910 in November and 796 in December 1984.

Orders placed for new cars in 1985 came to 9,510, compared with 15,460 the previous year. December orders totaled 558, compared with 350 in November and 751 in December 1984.

As of January 1, 1986, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 1,759, compared with 1,834 on December 1, and 5,154 on January 1, 1985. Average monthly backlog in 1985 was 3,428, compared with 6,154 in 1984.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 636 locomotives were placed in service during 1985, compared with 569 in 1984. In December, 69 locomotives were delivered, compared with 50 in November and 109 in December 1984.

As of January 1, 1986, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 52, compared with 75 on December 1, and 108 on January 1, 1985.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on January 1 was 22,712, compared with 22,908 on December 1, and 24,156 on January 1, 1985.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	December		November	Twelve Months	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	714	796	910	11,674	12,396
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	406	0
Built New - Total	714	796	910	12,080	12,396
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	714	796	910	12,080	12,396
Locomotives	69	109	50	636	569

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	558	751	350	9,510	15,054
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	406
To be built New - Total	558	751	350	9,510	15,460
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	558	751	350	9,510	15,460

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	January 1		December 1	Average	
	1986	1985	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	1,759	4,748	1,834	3,405	5,969
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	406	0	23	185
To be built New - Total	1,759	5,154	1,834	3,428	6,154
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	1,759	5,154	1,834	3,428	6,154
Locomotives	52	108	75	207	167

Year-end totals for orders and deliveries reflect year-end revisions.

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